Protection of Assamese Identity

1398. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating for the protection of identity of Assamese nationality as a process of implementation of Assam accord;

(b) whether Government are chalking out any plan to remove contradictory provision existing in the IMDT Act and Foreigners Act in the process of expediting the detection and deportation of foreigners from Assam; and

(c) if so, by when the action is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Clause 6 of the Assam Accord reads as follows: "Constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards as may be appropriate, shall be provided to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people." A sub-Committee had been constituted to examine the proposals made by the State Government and All Assam Students" Union (AASU) in this regard. Tripartite talks involving the Government of India, Government of Assam and AASU review the progress on the above clause of the Assam Accord from time to time.

(b) and (c) A proposal to repeal the IMDT Act, 1983 is under consideration.

Terrorist activities in Himachal Pradesh

1399. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the terrorist activities in the State of Himachal Pradesh since 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to safeguard the